

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims:

Please replace claims 22 and 25 with the following claims –

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22. (Amended) A modified starch composition comprising:

a degraded starch,

an inhibition agent in an amount of about 0.001% to about 0.05% by weight of dry starch,

and

a cationization derivative.

B²
25. (Amended) The modified starch composition of claim 24 wherein the starch is degraded to a water fluidity of about 35 to about 65.

Please add the following new claims -

30. The modified starch composition of claim 22 wherein the final peak viscosity of the composition is less than about 500 centipoise.

31. The modified starch composition of claim 22 wherein the final peak viscosity of the composition is about 110 to about 1000 percent of the non-inhibited starch composition.